

REMARKS

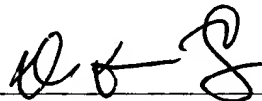
The Office Action dated May 18, 2006 has been carefully considered. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1, 4-10, 12-17 and 19 are in this application.

The Examiner indicated that the combination of claims 1 and 10 would place the case in condition for allowance. Applicants note that the limitations of claim 10 of the distillation column having a dual flow tray are present in amended claim 1 and previously presented claim 9. Accordingly, claims 1 and 9 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should she believe that this amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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